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SUBJECT: NEGOTIATIONS ON PL 480 AMENDMENT

OUR CLOSE CONTACTS AT USDA REPORT THAT STRONG PRESSURES
ARE BUILDING ON AGRICULTURE TO SELL RICE BEFORE JUNE 30.
THEY ARE CONSEQUENTLY CONCERNED AS TO THE PACE OF THE PRE-
SENT PL 480 NEGOTIATIONS AND HAVE ASKED THAT WE FEEL YOU
OUT INFORMALLY AS TO A PROBABLE AGREEMENT DATE. THEY WOULD
APPRECIATE YOUR BEST GUESS AS TO WHETHER THE BANGLADESHIS
WANT TO CONCLUDE AN AGREEMENT ASAP OR WHETHER THEY MAY WISH
TO PROLONG NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL AFTER CONSORTIUM MEETING IN
EARLY JULY. THEY WONDER IF THERE IS ANYTHING WHICH WE CAN
DO TO SPEED UP THE PACE OF NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT UNDER-
CUTTING OUR BARGAINING POSITION. ONE TENTATIVE SUGGESTION
IS COMBINING FOODGRAIN AND VEGOIL NEGOTIATIONS IN ONE
PACKAGE. NONE OF THE FOREGOING SHOULD BE TAKEN TO SUGGEST
THAT WE ARE NOT IN ACCORD WITH YOUR BARGAINING STANCE. ON
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THE CONTRARY, WE CONSIDER THAT YOU ARE DOING YOUR USUAL
SUPERIOR JOB, AND WILL DO ALL THAT WE CAN TO SUPPORT YOU.
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